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SUBJ: ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTEST ACTION OF AMERICAN EXPERT

1. ARGENTINIAN AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ CALLED AT THE MISSION
AUGUST 17 TO ADVISE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLANNED
OFFICIALLY TO PROTEST THE ACTION OF THE AMERICAN EXPERT
MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DIS-
CRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

2. AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ RECALLED THAT HE HAD ASKED THE
MISSION FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS THE ARGENTINIAN
SITUATION WITH THE AMERICAN EXPERT AND HAD BEEN ADVISED
THAT THE AMERICAN EXPERT WAS NOT HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY GROUPS WHOSE CASES WOULD BE BEFORE
THE SUB-COMMISSION. HE SAID HE HAD ACCEPTED THIS DECISION.
THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT CONCERN ARISES FROM
THE AMERICAN EXPERT'S HAVING ALLEGEDLY SPOKEN IN PUBLIC
FOR SEVERAL MINUTES WITH A MR. RODOLFO MATTAROLO WHOM
THE ARGENTINIAN AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED AS A KNOWN
ARGENTINIAN TERRORIST. AS EVIDENCE OF HIS CLAIM THAT
MATTAROLO WAS A TERRORIST, HE PRODUCED A COPY OF A
CONFIDENTIAL FOREIGN REPORT PREPARED BY THE LONDON
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ECONOMIST DATED MARCH 23, 1977, WHICH DISCUSSES "LATIN
AMERICA'S TERRORIST INTERNATIONAL". THE ECONOMIST FOREIGN
REPORT IDENTIFIES RODOLFO MATTAROLO AS A LEADER OF THE
PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) OF ARGENTINA AND A SENIOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS OF THE JUNTA DE COORDINACION REVO-
LUCIONARIA (JCR).

3. AFTER EXPLORING THIS MATTER, I CALLED BACK PERSONALLY ON THE ARGENTINIAN AMBASSADOR IN HIS OFFICE TO EXPLAIN THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN MR. MATTAROLO AND AMBASSADOR CARTER WAS IN-ADVERTENT, THAT MATTAROLO APPROACHED AMBASSADOR CARTER SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT AND THAT AMBASSADOR CARTER DECLINED TO GRANT THE APPOINTMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE DID NOT DISCUSS ISSUES BEFORE THE SUB-COMMISSION OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE (COMMUNICATIONS).

4. AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ SEEMED DISINCLINED TO ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION, SAYING THAT MARTINEZ HAD APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE YEAR BEFORE AND THEREFORE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNKNOWN TO OUR AMERICAN EXPERT. HE INDICATED THAT DESPITE MY EXPLANATION, WE COULD STILL EXPECT TO RECEIVE A FORMAL PROTEST.

5. I ASKED WHERE THE PROTEST WOULD BE MADE. HE RESPONDED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW YET WHETHER IT WOULD BE TO OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES OR THROUGH THE ARGENTINIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.SORENSEN

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